



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Washington, DC 20240

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The Honorable Jay Inslee  
Governor of Washington  
Olympia, Washington 98504

Dear Governor Inslee:

On April 14, 2015, the Department of the Interior (Department) received Amendments to the Tribal-State Compacts (Amendment) between 24 Tribes (collectively Tribes) and the State of Washington (State) providing for the conduct of class III gaming activities by the Tribes. On April 22, and 23, 2015, the Department received two additional but identical Amendments for the Spokane Tribe of the Spokane Reservation and the Tulalip Tribes of Washington. The State and the following Tribes executed the Amendment that is before us today for review under IGRA:

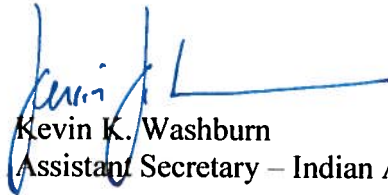
- Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Cowlitz Indian Tribe
- Hoh Indian Tribe
- Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
- Kalispel Indian Community of the Kalispel Reservation
- Lower Elwha Tribal Community of the Lower Elwha Reservation
- Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation
- Makah Indian Tribe of the Makah Indian Reservation
- Nisqually Indian Tribe
- Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
- Quileute Tribe of the Quileute Reservation
- Quinault Indian Nation
- Samish Indian Nation
- Sauk Suiattle Indian Tribe
- Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe of the Shoalwater Bay Indian Reservation
- Skokomish Indian Tribe
- Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
- Spokane Tribe of the Spokane Reservation
- Squaxin Island Tribe of the Squaxin Island Reservation
- Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington
- Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- Tulalip Tribes of Washington
- Upper Skagit Indian Tribe
- Yakama Nation

I would like to commend you and the Tribes for the hard work necessary to reach an Amendment to the Tribes' existing compacts, as previously amended, in a manner consistent with IGRA and satisfactory to all parties.

We have completed our review of the Amendments submitted by the Tribes and the State and conclude that they do not violate that Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), any other provision of Federal law that does not relate to jurisdiction over gaming on Indian lands, or the trust obligations of the United States to Indians. *See* 25 U.S.C. § 2710 (d)(8)(B). Therefore, pursuant to my delegated authority and Section 11 of IGRA, I approve the Amendments. *See* 25 U.S.C. § 2710(d)(8)(A). The Amendments shall take effect when the notice of this approval is published in the *Federal Register*. *See* 25 U.S.C. § 2710 (d)(3)(B).

Similar letters will be mailed to the principal leaders of each of the 26 Tribes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin K. Washburn", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kevin K. Washburn  
Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs